

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting**

Monday - August 27, 2012 - 6:30 P.M

Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 8/13/12
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; Chris Cole, Fair Haven Selectboard member and Neal Robinson from the Fair Haven Energy Committee.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2012. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Chris Cole, Fair Haven Selectboard member and Neal Robinson of the Fair Haven Energy Committee were present to discuss the pending Beaver Wood Energy project proposed in the Town of Fair Haven. Mr. Cole and Mr. Robinson appraised the Poultney Selectboard of the Beaver Wood Energy Project concerning the economic and energy benefits of the project for the region and requested the Town's support in writing a letter to the appropriate Legislative Committees regarding the project. Discussion followed. Tom Beatty made a motion to write a letter of support for the project. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The East Road has been ditched.
- 2) The concrete for the Ames Hollow Bridge FEMA project (wing walls and abutment) has been poured. The forms were stripped today.
- 3) Some stolen street signs have been recovered and several have been re-installed.
- 4) The new Dodge Ram 5500 truck will have the dump body installed later this week.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the July 2012 (FY 2013) Financial Report prepared by Susan Kasuba were distributed.
- 2) Copies of a letter from John Hale, Secretary of the Lake Bomoseen Association, opposing all commercial / industrial wind development on Castleton's mountain peaks and ridgelines were distributed.
- 3) The Town was approached about development of the property located at 76 Main Street for the community as a municipal parking lot. Discussion followed. Rosenthal mentioned that there were funds available to develop the property as a Park & Ride area through the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Funds are appropriated every year with no cash match requirements. The Vermont Downtown program also has funding available at a 50 % matching grant for parking facilities. Development is defined as paving, lining parking spaces, bus shelter and landscaping. The consensus of the Board was to place the item on the March ballot for the voters to decide. The estimated asking price was in the range of the mid \$ 60,000. More discussion will follow when estimates for costs of development can be ascertained before December and January.

Any & Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Beatty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

S/Jonas Rosenthal